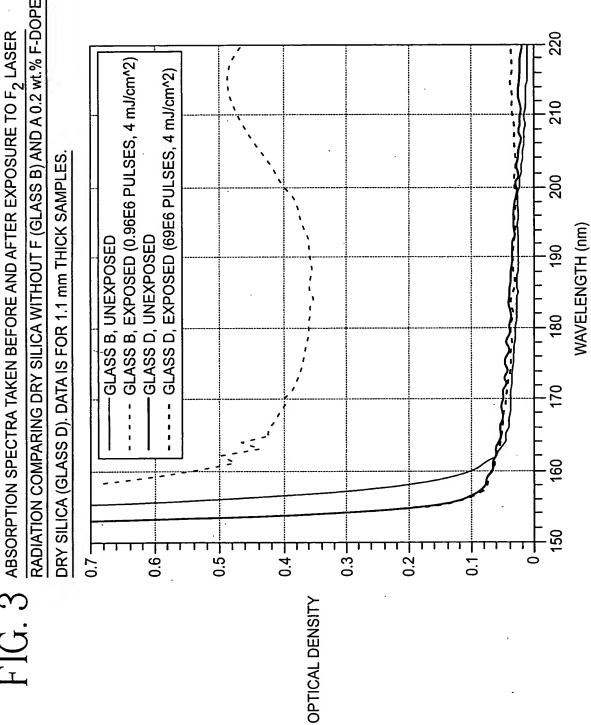
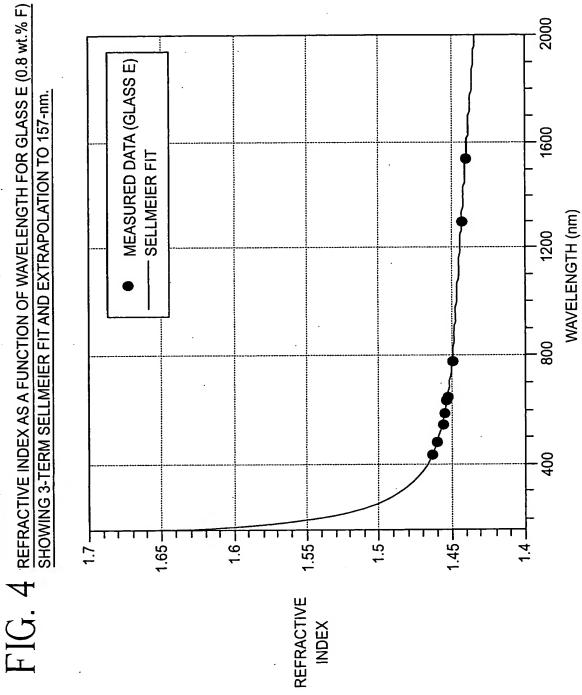
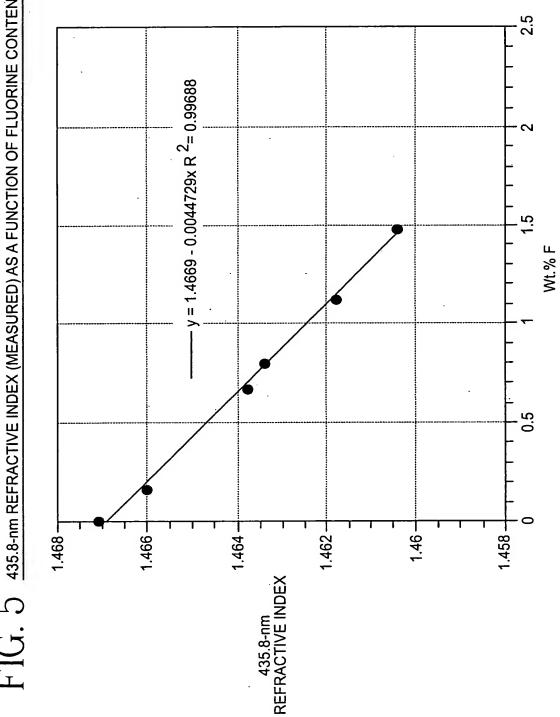


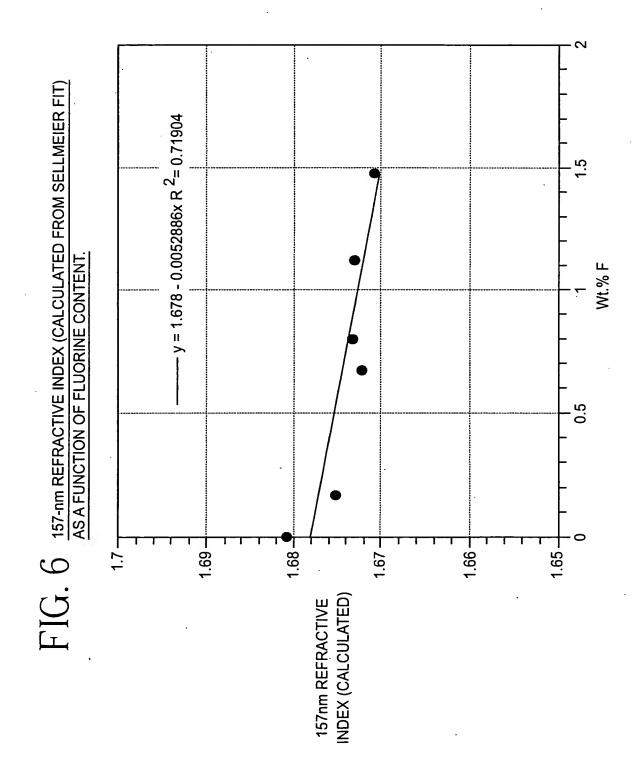
FIG.~3~ absorption spectra taken before and after exposure to  $\rm f_2$  laser radiation comparing dry silica without F (glass B) and A 0.2 wt.% F-Doped,





 $FIG.~5~_{435.8-nm}$  refractive index (measured) as a function of fluorine content.





 ${\rm FIG.}~7~$  coefficient of thermal expansion as a function of fluorine level.

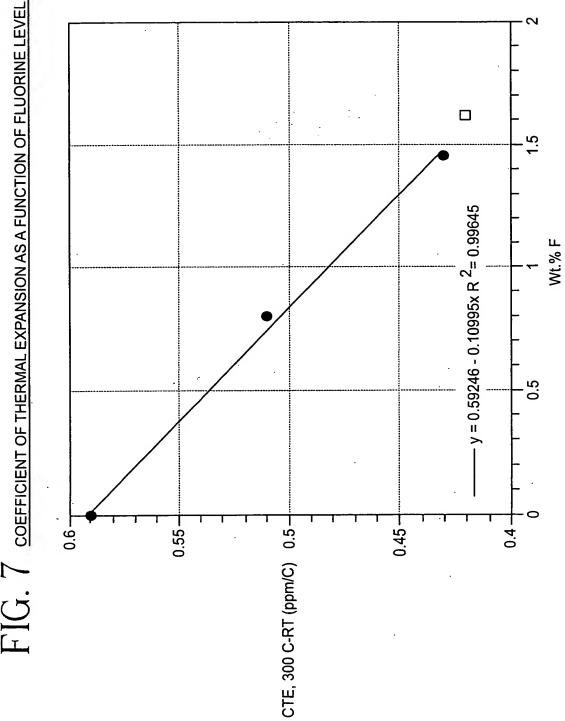


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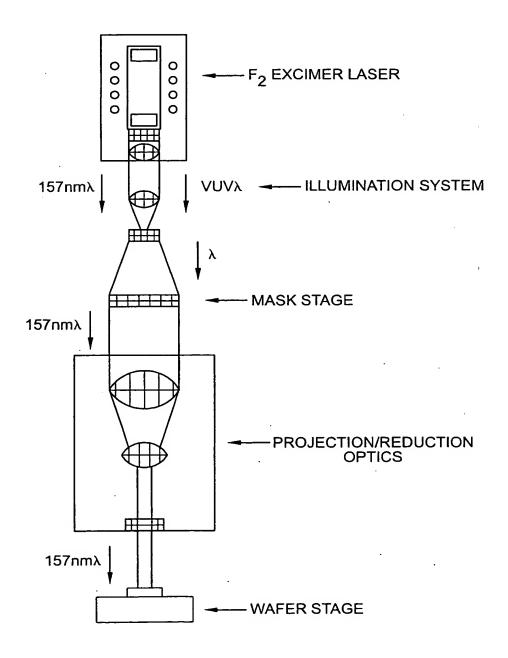
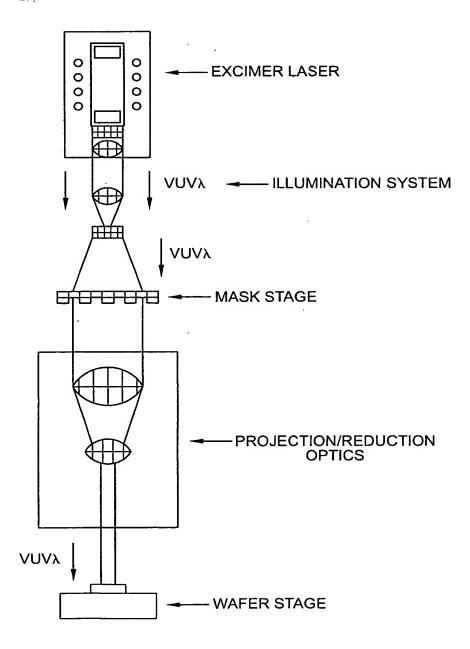


FIG. 9



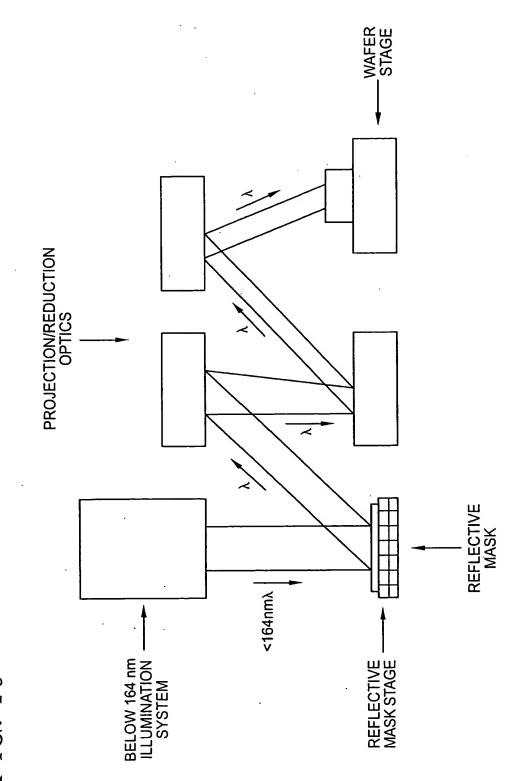


FIG. 10

